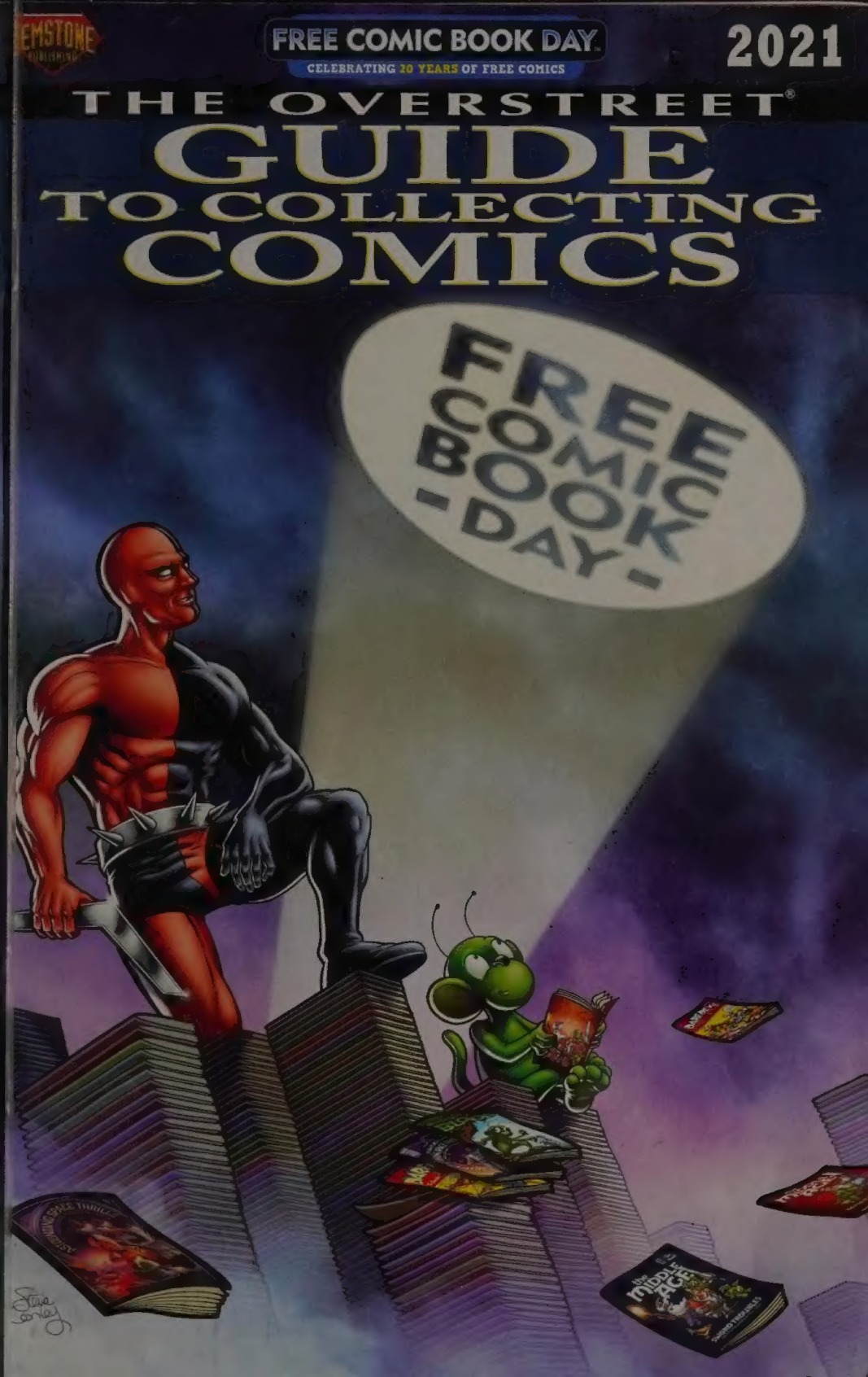
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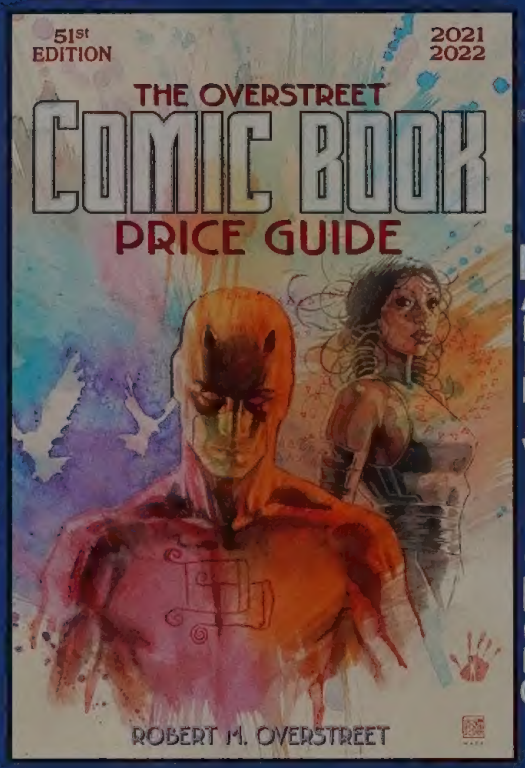

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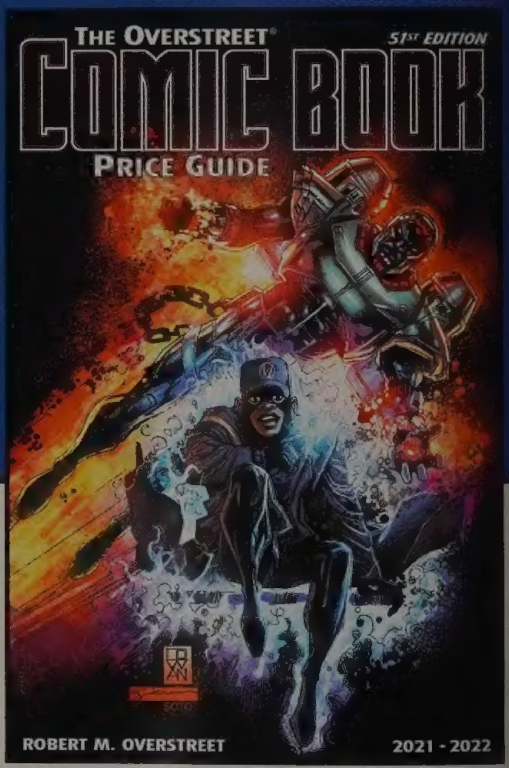

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THE STATEVILLE CENTER FOR THE IMPROBABLY AGITATED

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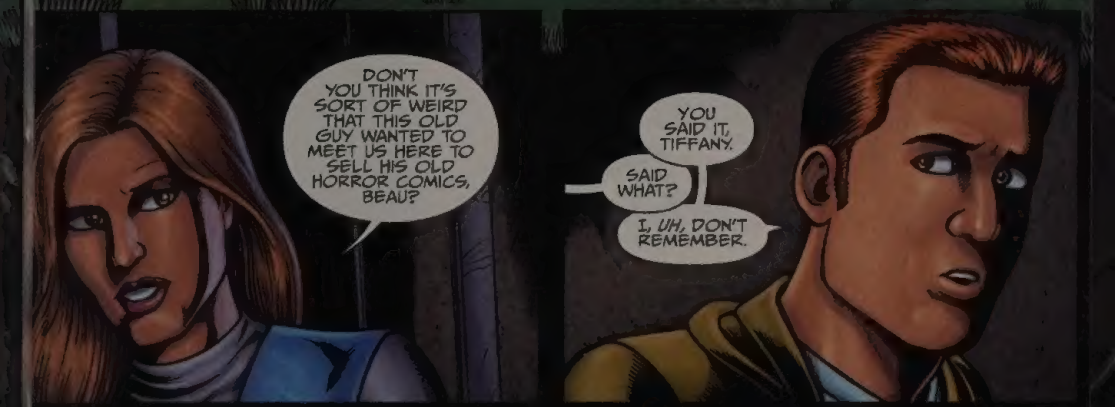
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S SORT OF WEIRD THAT THIS OLD GUY WANTED TO MEET US HERE TO SELL HIS OLD HORROR COMICS, BEAU?
YOU SAID IT, TIFFANY.
SAID WHAT?
I, UH, DON'T REMEMBER.

THE HORROR COMICS HORROR!

YOU KNOW, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU GUYS HAD CHECKED OUT THIS DEALER'S *REFERENCES* BEFORE YOU AGREED TO MEET HIM IN A LOCATION WE WEREN'T FAMILIAR WITH.
THAT DOESN'T SEEM VERY TRUSTING.
GEEZ, BOB! EVERYTHING'S FINE. THIS GUY HAS PRIME HORROR COMICS I NEED FOR MY COLLECTION.
HE'S GOT *ADVENTURES INTO THE UNKNOWN #1, CRYPT OF TERROR #17, CREEPY MAGAZINE #1* ALL IN NEAR MINT, AND HE ONLY WANTS $29 TOTAL FOR ALL OF THEM.
YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES A DEAL THAT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE IS ACTUALLY *TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...*
DON'T BE SUCH A *DOWNER*, BOB! BEAU *REALLY NEEDS* THOSE COMICS!

WHERE'S THAT CREEPY MUSIC COMING FROM?
WHAT MUSIC?
SERIOUSLY, FRIENDS, IF YOUR INSTINCTS TELL YOU THAT THE DEAL IS *TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE* OR IF YOU JUST GET THAT VIBE THAT SOMETHING'S OFF, LISTEN TO YOURSELF.
WHO'S HE TALKING TO, TIFFANY?
PAY NO ATTENTION TO HIM, BEAU. THIS DEAL IS TOO GOOD TO PASS UP OR TO LET MR. COMMON SENSE HERE RUIN IT.
THE ROMANS HAD A PHRASE: "CAVEAT EMPTOR!" IT'S LATIN FOR *"LET THE BUYER BEWARE!"*
WHAT IT MEANT BACK IN ROMAN DAYS AND STILL MEANS TODAY IS THAT ONLY THE BUYER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THE QUALITY AND SUITABILITY OF GOODS OR SERVICES BEING OFFERED.
A SLIGHTLY LESS CYNICAL WAY TO SAY IT MIGHT BE "TRUST, BUT VERIFY."

DID YOU JUST HEAR A SOUND? I JUST HEARD A SOUND.
IT'S PROBABLY JUST THE DEALER WE'RE HERE TO MEET.
ALL SALES FINAL NO RETURNS
HELLO? IS ANYONE THERE?
THERE'S SOMEONE UP THERE...
MAYBE THAT'S THE DEALER WE'RE HERE TO MEET.
I BET IT IS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BOB?
UPDATING MY EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO.

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE COMIC BOOKS OR SOMETHING WORSE?
NO ONE EVER SAYS "SOMETHING WORSE," BUT THINGS DON'T WORK OUT THE WAY YOU'D THINK.
HELLO, LITTLE GIRLS. WE'RE JUST HERE TO GET AN UNBELIEVABLY GOOD DEAL ON SOME COMIC BOOKS. WE'RE LOOKING FOR A DEALER.
OH, YOU'LL WANT ONE OF THESE TWO DOORS...
OH, YOU'LL WANT ONE OF THESE TWO DOORS...
AND IN 3, 2, 1...
WE SHOULD *SPLIT UP!* THAT'LL INCREASE OUR CHANCES!
THIS *MAY* OR *MAY NOT* BE A GOOD TIME TO STRESS THAT WHEN CHOOSING A COMIC BOOK DEALER WITH WHOM TO DO BUSINESS, WHETHER IN PERSON OR ONLINE, IT'S SMART TO TALK TO OTHER CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE DEALT WITH HIM OR HER.
YOU'LL FIND THAT *MOST* ARE NOT ONLY *HONEST* AND *TRUSTWORTHY,* BUT THEY'RE ALSO *FANS* THEMSELVES.
WHEN YOU ESTABLISH A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH A RETAILER, IT'S MUCH EASIER TO *GROW YOUR COLLECTION.*

LET'S TAKE THIS ONE. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?
HAVE YOU EVER READ A HORROR COMIC?
C'MON! LET'S GO GET THOSE COMICS!
YOU KNOW, I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT THIS IS A WEIRD PLACE TO MEET...
MEANWHILE...
HI. I'M LOOKING FOR HIGH GRADE COPIES OF ADVENTURES INTO THE UNKNOWN #1, CRYPT OF TERROR #17, CREEPY MAGAZINE #1.
COULD YOU QUOTE ME A PRICE?
$10,675, ALL GRADED 9.2? SOUNDS GOOD. THANKS.
THIS, OF COURSE, IS WHERE OUR STORY SHOULD HAVE STARTED.
I WONDER HOW BEAU AND TIFFANY ARE DOING?
OH, LOOK, THERE'S LIGHT COMING FROM BEHIND THAT DOOR!
IT SORT OF LOOKS LIKE FIRE...

SO, TO RECAP, ALWAYS BUY YOUR BACK ISSUES FROM TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES.
REPUTABLE DEALERS WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU REFERENCES. ONLINE SELLERS SHOULD HAVE GOOD FEEDBACK.
DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR LOCAL RETAILER CAN BE YOUR KEY TO BUILDING A GREAT COLLECTION.
HE
E CENTER
THE
Y AGITATED
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, DON'T ARRANGE TO MEET THE SELLER AT CREEPY, ABANDONED MENTAL FACILITIES.
I WONDER IF BEAU AND TIFFANY LEARNED ANYTHING.
I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON, TIFFANY. NEXT TIME WE'LL DO MORE RESEARCH.
THAT'S RIGHT, BEAU. WE'LL ASK FOR BETTER DIRECTIONS!
DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

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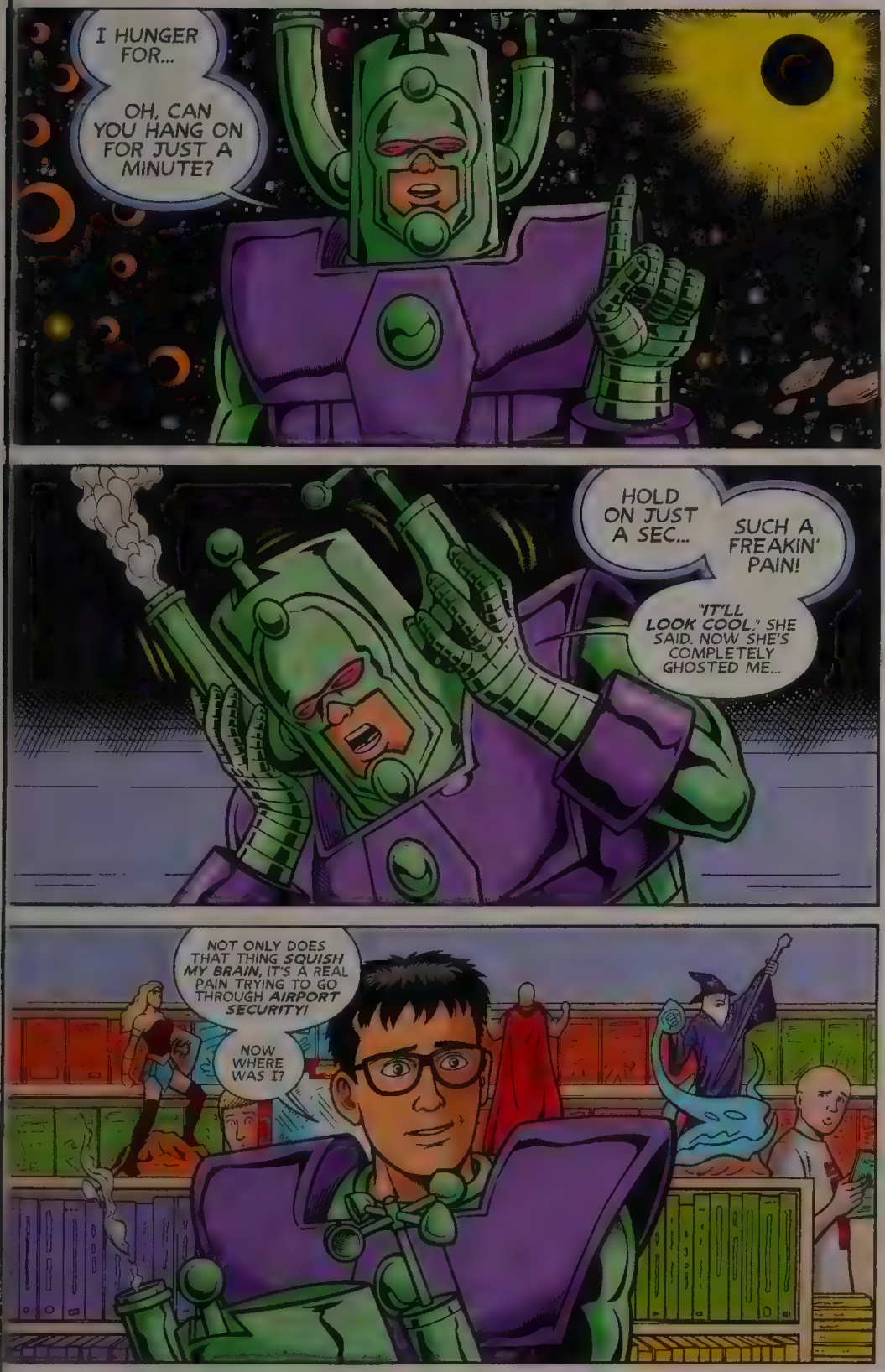
I HUNGER FOR...
OH, CAN YOU HANG ON FOR JUST A MINUTE?
HOLD ON JUST A SEC...
SUCH A FREAKIN' PAIN!
"IT'LL LOOK COOL," SHE SAID. NOW SHE'S COMPLETELY GHOSTED ME...
NOT ONLY DOES THAT THING SQUISH MY BRAIN, IT'S A REAL PAIN TRYING TO GO THROUGH AIRPORT SECURITY!
NOW WHERE WAS I?

YOU HUNGER FOR COMICS?
RIGHT! I HUNGER FOR COMICS!
I THINK WE'VE ESTABLISHED THAT PRETTY WELL AT THIS POINT.
YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE FOR FREE COMIC BOOK DAY.
FREE COMIC BOOK DAY?
FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
OOH, LOOK, I CAN SPEAK IN LOGO STYLE!

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, MANY COMIC BOOK PUBLISHERS TEAM UP WITH PARTICIPATING RETAILERS TO OFFER FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!
THERE ARE OFFERINGS FEATURING WELL-KNOWN CHARACTERS AND BRAND NEW CREATIONS ALIKE.
FOR RETAILERS LIKE US, THERE ARE ALMOST AS MANY DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!
JUST FOR INSTANCE, ON FCBD WE OFFER OUR VISITORS COPIES OF ALL THE FREE COMICS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.
WHILE OTHER STORES OFFER CUSTOMERS ONE COMIC EACH OR A SAMPLING OF THE OFFERINGS AS A WHOLE...
AND STILL OTHERS HAVE OTHER VARIATIONS.
TALES OF SUSPENSE
IRON MAN!
THUNDER
STRANGERS IN PARADISE
WHATEVER THE INDIVIDUAL STORE'S APPROACH, OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL IS TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT COMICS, ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC, INVENTIVE, CREATIVE MEDIUMS EVER!

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"OR GRITTY WAR COMICS...
"OR SWASHBUCKLING BARBARIANS.
"IF YOU LIKE THEM OR ANY OTHER GENRE YOU CAN IMAGINE, COMIC BOOKS HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU!"
ARE YOU SERIOUS?

AND AS MANY GREAT NEW COMICS AS THERE ARE...
THERE ARE EVEN MORE GREAT OLDER COMICS!
FROM DETECTIVE COMICS #27, THE FIRST BATMAN...
Detective COMICS
TO INCREDIBLE HULK #181 THE FIRST WOLVERINE...
HULK
WHAT ABOUT THE WALKING DEAD?
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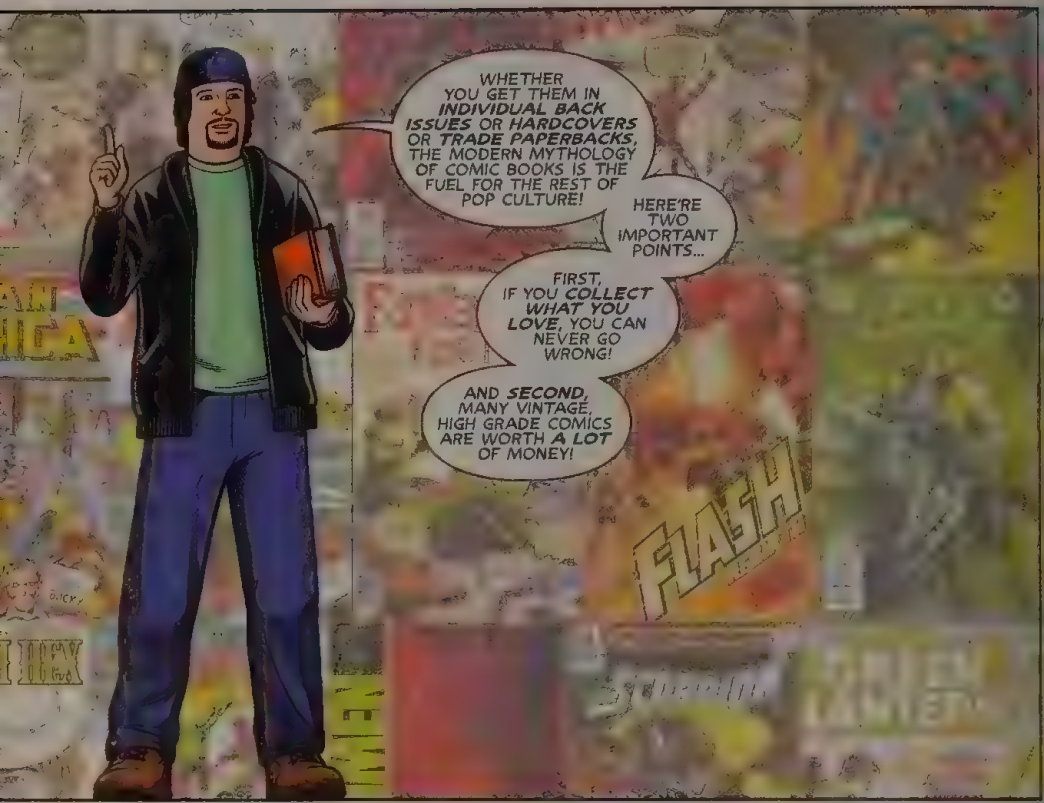
WHETHER YOU GET THEM IN *INDIVIDUAL BACK ISSUES* OR *HARDCOVERS* OR *TRADE PAPERBACKS*, THE MODERN MYTHOLOGY OF COMIC BOOKS IS THE FUEL FOR THE REST OF POP CULTURE!
HERE'RE TWO IMPORTANT POINTS...
FIRST, IF YOU *COLLECT WHAT YOU LOVE*, YOU CAN NEVER GO WRONG!
AND *SECOND*, MANY VINTAGE, HIGH GRADE COMICS ARE WORTH *A LOT* OF MONEY!
FLASH

SO ON THE ONE HAND YOU'VE GOT AN 8.5 COPY OF *ACTION COMICS #1* FOR $3.25 MILLION...
DETECTIVE COMICS #27 AND *AMAZING FANTASY #15* HAVE BOTH TOPPED A MILLION...
WE'VE HAD MANY FOUR-, FIVE-, AND SIX-FIGURE SALES OF COMICS OVER THE YEARS...
CAPTAIN AMERICA

BUT WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY?
BACK TO "COLLECT WHAT YOU LOVE AND YOU CAN'T GO WRONG." NO ONE CAN TELL YOU WHAT YOU LIKE.
BUT THERE ARE ALMOST TOO MANY TO CHOOSE FROM!
DO YOU EVER GET TIRED OF GOOD MOVIES, TV SHOWS OR NOVELS?
OF COURSE NOT!
NO ONE EVER GETS TIRED OF GREAT STORIES!
EXACTLY! AND THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH GREAT COMICS OUT THERE, JUST WAITING FOR YOU...
I HUNGER FOR...
YEAH, I SORT OF GOT THAT. YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.
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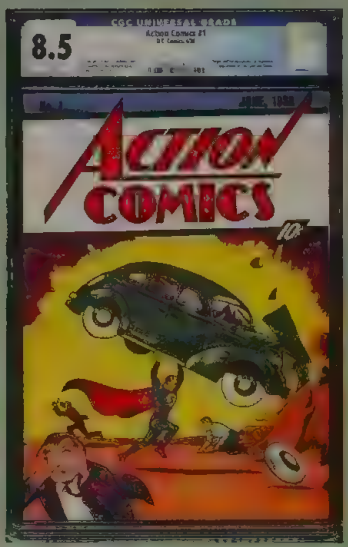

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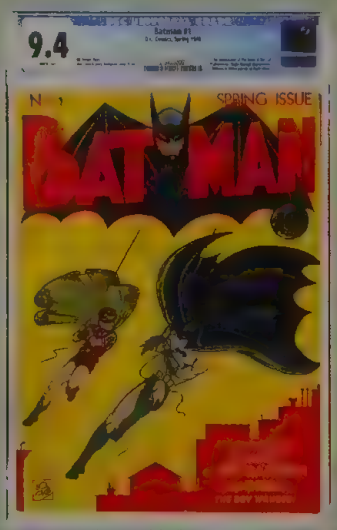

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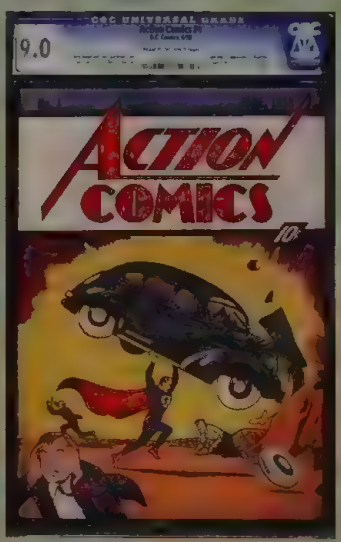

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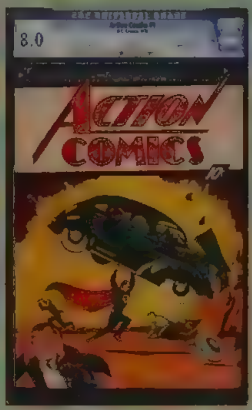

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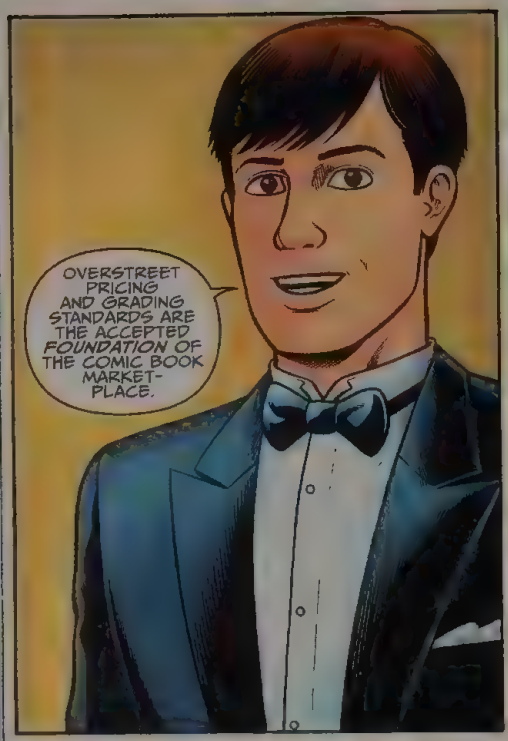

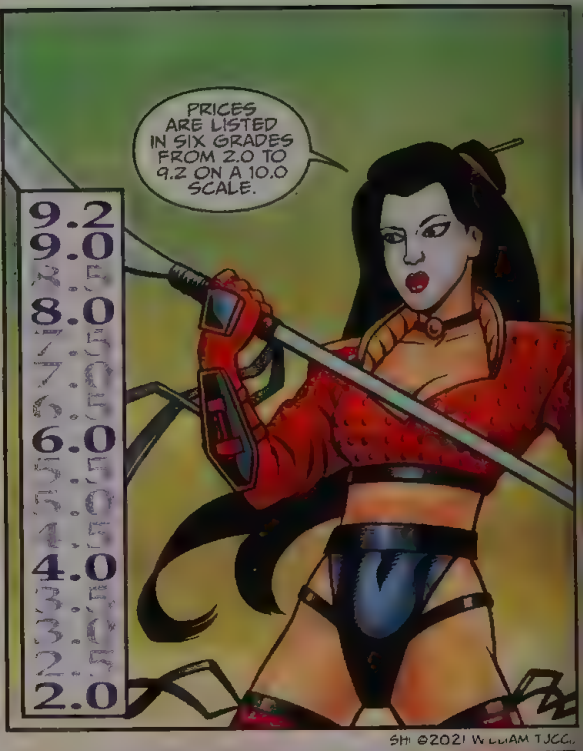

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Marvel Comics Group: Nov, 1961 - No. 416, Sept, 1996 (Created by Stan Lee & Jack Kirby)

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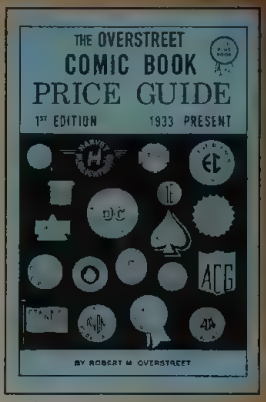

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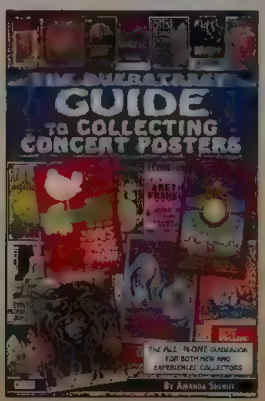

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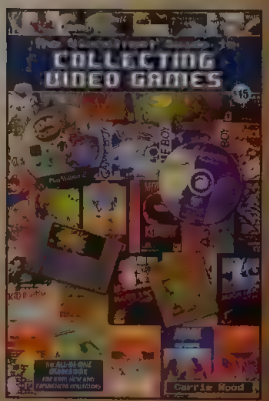

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THIS IS A ROBBERY!
BANG
I WANT COMICS AND I AIN'T PAYIN'!
UH, OKAY, SIR, BUT YOU KNOW IT'S ACTUALLY FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AND WE'RE OFFERING FREE COMICS TO EVERYONE WHO COMES IN TODAY...
BIG DEAL COMICS

WAIT...
WHAT?
FREE COMIC BOOK DAY. IT'S TODAY AUGUST 14.
FREE... TODAY.
BIG DEAL
MICS
FREE... COMIC BOOK DAY?
SURE. BUT ONLY FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS. I CAN SEE HOW YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT.
THE MAN FROM OVERSTREET MIGHT BE A LITTLE LESS FORGIVING, THOUGH...

OVER-STREET...?
AW MAN...
UF-
DUH!
YOU PROBABLY DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE VARIETY OF MATERIAL IN TODAY'S COMIC BOOK STORES!
EXCELLENT FORM. SIMPLY EXCELLENT.
NICELY DONE, GOOD SIR.

DON'T LET YOUR EXPERIENCE END WITH FREE COMIC BOOK DAY! COMIC SHOPS CAN BE YOUR GATEWAY TO A HUGE POP CULTURE EXPERIENCE.
AS YOU'RE [redacted] THE MAGIC OF THE STORIES AND THE FUN OF COLLECTING, THE OVERSTREET COMIC BOOK PRICE GUIDE AND OUR OTHER BOOKS ARE HERE TO HELP!
AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION ABOUT HOW AWESOME COMIC BOOKS ARE, THINK ABOUT WHERE HOLLYWOOD WOULD BE WITHOUT US!
FROM THE SUPER-HEROICS OF AVENGERS AND WONDER WOMAN, TO THE CRIME STORY OF ROAD TO PERDITION AND THE SLICE-OF-LIFE TALE OF GHOST WORLD, WE HAVE THE STORIES!

Fantastic Four
THE WALKING DEAD
THE NEW MUTANTS
BAT-MAN
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME FOR COLLECTING POP CULTURE THAN RIGHT NOW.
AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO BE MORE IMPORTANT IN POP CULTURE THAN COMIC BOOKS ARE AT THIS MOMENT!
ISN'T THAT JUST BECAUSE OF ALL THOSE MOVIES AND TV SHOWS?
MOVIES AND TV ARE ONLY NOW CATCHING UP TO WHAT COMICS HAVE BEEN DOING FOR FIVE, SIX AND EVEN SEVEN DECADES!
AND IT'S NO MYSTERY THAT "COMICS" DOESN'T JUST MEAN "SUPER-HEROES."
WE LOVE OUR SUPERHEROES, BUT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE GOING ON!
WE HAVE VAMPIRE STORIES..
I HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.

WE HAVE SCIENCE FICTION, TOO, FROM CHALLENGING CONCEPTS TO THE RUNNING, JUMPING AND SHOOTING TYPE...
AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.
WE HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF GENRES GOING ON.
WE HAVE COMICS WITH ZOMBIES. WE HAVE COMICS FOR ZOMBIES.
OKAY, WHICH ONE OF YOU FREAKS IS NEXT?
AND YOU CAN BET THE OVERSTREET COMIC BOOK PRICE GUIDE IS TRACKING THEM FOR YOU!
AND THAT GOES FROM COMICS THAT GO FOR COVER PRICE ALL THE WAY UP TO THE $3.25 MILLION COPY OF ACTION COMICS #1.
MANHUNTER
AMERICAN FLAGG!
X-O
CAPTAIN AMERICA
UNCLE SCROOGE
PREMIERE GEMSTONE ISSUE!
THE THING WE TELL EVERYONE REMAINS A CONSTANT: COLLECT WHAT YOU LOVE.

AND MAN, I LOVE COMICS!
SERIOUSLY, WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE ABOUT NEW COMICS, OLD COMICS, SUPERSTAR POPULAR CHARACTERS, SUPER-CREATIVE INDY TITLES, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN?
C'MON, JUST LOOK AT THEM!
AND AS COOL AS THEY ARE, FOR MANY SHOPS, COMICS ARE JUST THE BEGINNING...
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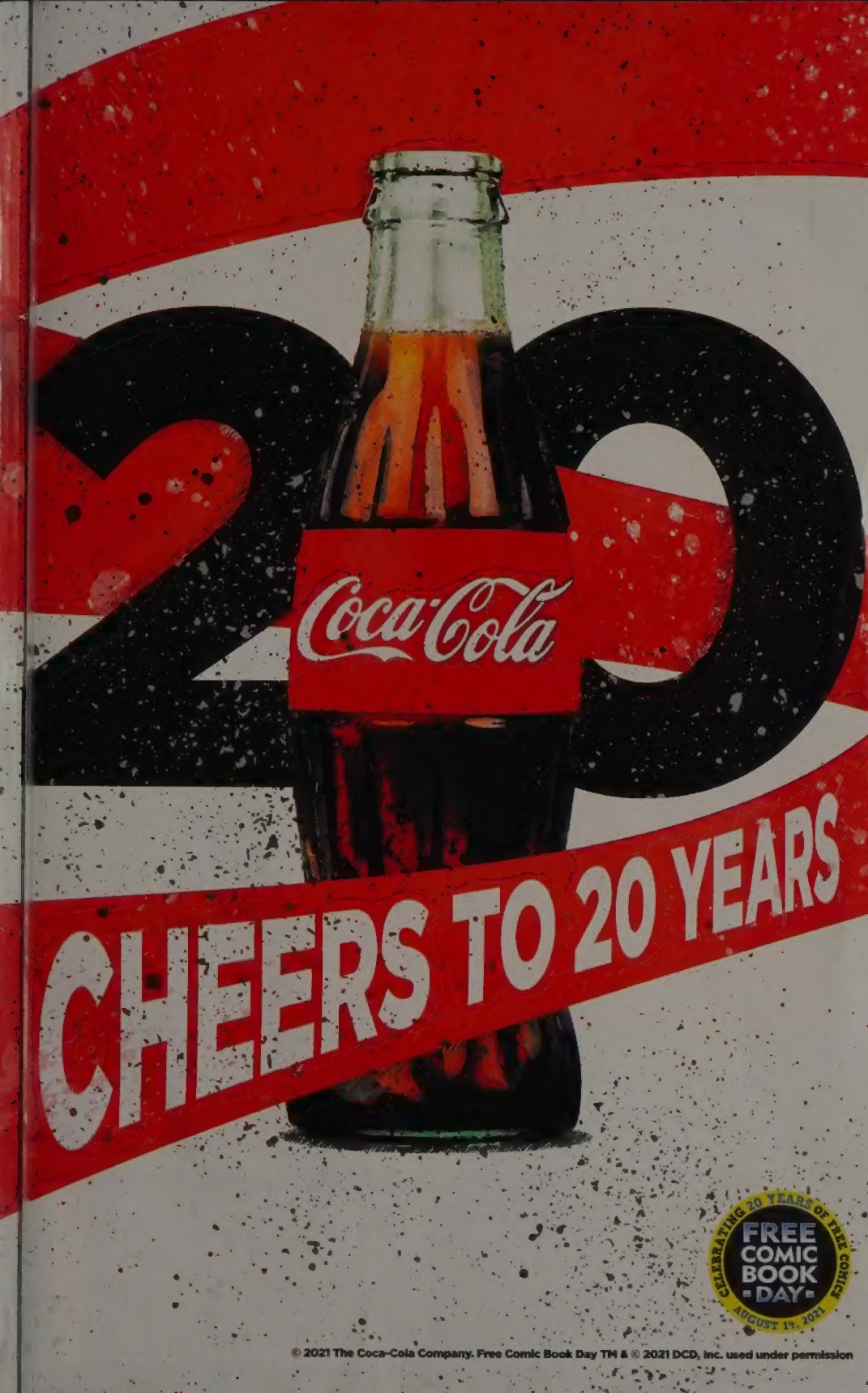

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